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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Yoshiyuki TANIGUCHI, et al. : EXAMINER: HAILEY, PATRICIA L.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/542,018 :  
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FOR: METHOD FOR PRESERVING CATALYST

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 10 of this paper.